



Bredesen Park D Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

May 30, 2014

Dear Resident:

As we reported in our April 11 letter, this past winter there was a watermain break at the intersection of Aspen Road and Tamarac Avenue. During the repair, our utilities division discovered that the bolts holding two pipes together were rusted beyond their service life. Following that discovery, our utilities division did some exploratory digs to determine the extent of the issue and the watermain bolts were found to be in satisfactory condition. Considering this and the fact that our tracking of watermain breaks in the neighborhood did not show the need for a complete watermain replacement, staff felt this was an isolated issue that was resolved.

However, during Palda's initial operations in May to replace the fire hydrants and gate valves, it was discovered that the watermain bolts were in fact an issue on the cast iron watermain pipe. Replacing just the bolts is not an option and we consider this an emergency repair. With Palda's crew already working in the area, we asked Palda for a price for complete cast iron watermain trunk pipe and service pipe replacement. All pipes are cast iron except along Walnut Drive from Vernon Avenue to approximately Aspen Road. The repair will be funded with the water utility fund and will not impact project assessments.

To do the replacement, crews have already begun installing a temporary water service pipe to your home. The pipe will be placed across your front lawn and connect to your house at your hose bib. Crews may need to enter your home to operate your water shut off valve in your basement. This is done to isolate the connections until the new main has been installed and tested. This work will be coordinated with you using a door tag, or by knocking to see if you are home. This will be done on a case by case basis.

You may notice your tap water is warmer than usual. This is normal. It is caused by the fact that the water service is above ground and subject to ambient air temperatures. Please be careful when cutting your grass near the temporary water service pipe as it can be damaged by your lawn mower. If applicable, please pass this warning along to your lawn service.

This additional work effort will increase the project duration. We will continue to try to minimize impacts to you. Please continue to monitor our weekly City Extra updates for up to date schedules. We apologize for any additional inconvenience this will cause but please understand this is a necessary repair that will ensure we can continue to provide drinking water with limited disruptions in the future.

Sincerely,

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